



Faith in the Elderly

Aging baby boomers are the fastest growing segment of the current U.S. population. Caring for senior citizens in many rural communities often is overlooked by mainstream America. Rural based assisted living facilities are greatly needed especially in the poverty stricken counties of southwest Virginia. A \$5,830,000 Community Facilities loan and a \$25,000 grant were made to Free Will Baptist Family Ministries to construct a new assisted living facility and Alzheimer's unit located in the Town of Wise. This region currently does not have an assisted living facility forcing the elderly to leave their communities. The facility will include 45 residential rooms including a special secure unit designed for patients suffering from Alzheimer's disease and will create 25 new jobs.

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, Inc. is a nonprofit, faith-based child, adult, and family care ministry with a mission to strengthen and preserve the family. The organization has been in existence since 1939 starting as an orphanage. Services provided by Free Will Baptist Ministries include: Stanley Foster Care & Adoption, Trula Cronk Home for Children, Protecting Adolescents and Teaching Hope (P.A.T.H) Assessment Facilities, P.A.T.H. Christian Academy, The Oaks Family Conference Center & Camp, the Heart Stone Farm, The Hope Center, and The Victory Boy's Home.